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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 27 February 2001, time for response to which was set to expire 27 May 2001. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 27 July, 2001 in which to respond is attached herewith along with the required fee. Restriction was required and claim 21, the only claim examined, was rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.